

OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER REPORT TO THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

April 15, 2008 through June 30, 2008

The Appellate Defender Office (ADO) took in a total of 19 new appeals during the above period (one was contracted out of office). The office also filed two writs of supervisory control and contracted two cases for postconviction relief. Five of these cases are either dependent/ neglect, mental health or juvenile cases. We are currently awaiting either transcripts or the district court record to be filed before appointment on eight of these cases.

Since April 15, 2008 we have filed 22 opening briefs (four were either dependent/neglect or mental health opening briefs), 18 reply briefs and seven Anders briefs.

Briefs filed within ADO by month:

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| 08/2006 | 5 | 06/2007 | 14 | 4/2008 | 27 |
| 09/2006 | 5 | 7/2007 | 18 | 5/2008 | 13 |
| 10/2006 | 12 | 8/2007 | 19 | 6/2008 | 21 |
| 11/2006 | 15 | 9/2007 | 23 | | |
| 12/2006 | 10 | 10/2007 | 21 | | |
| 01/2007 | 14 | 11/2007 | 16 | | |
| 02/2007 | 12 | 12/2007 | 17 | | |
| 03/2007 | 14 | 1/2008 | 18 | | |
| 04/2007 | 18 | 2/2008 | 20 | | |
| 05/2007 | 15 | 3/2008 | 21 | | |

There are 192 appellate cases open within the ADO.

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| FTE within ADO | 71 |
| Regional FTE | 5 |
| Contract | 17 |
| Postconviction Relief | 7 |
| Inactive cases pending opinion | 89 |

We've closed 247 cases to date.